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SUBJ: TAXATION OF USG-OWNED PROPERTY

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1. THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS RECEIVED A BILL FOR MUNICIPAL RATES FROM THE WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ON THE USG-OWNED OFFICIAL RESIDENCE, CRAIGEND, 86 DARLING POINT ROAD, WOOLLAHRA, IN THE AMOUNT OF 3149.28 AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS FOR THE YEAR 1978. A CHECK OF OUR FISCAL RECORDS INDICATE THAT WE HAVE BEEN PAYING THESE LAND RATES ANNUALLY FOR AT LEAST THE LAST 25 YEARS. (WATER, SEWERAGE AND GARBAGE COLLECTION CHARGES ARE PAID SEPARATELY.) I HAVE INQUIRED OF AUSTRALIAN FRIENDS WHO HAVE SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS AUSTRALIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO AND AUSTRALIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK RESPECTIVELY, AND BOTH STATED TO ME THAT NO LAND TAXES WERE PAID BY THEIR GOVERNMENT IN EITHER OF THESE CITIES.

2. I PROPOSE TO MAKE REPRESENTATION TO THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SEEKING EXEMPTION FROM THIS TAX UNDER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TERMS OF ARTICLE 12 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION AND ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY UNLESS THERE IS SOME EXISTING ARRANGEMENT, OF WHICH I AM UNAWARE, UNDER WHICH TAXES ARE PAID ON RESIDENCES OF PRINCIPAL CONSULAR OFFICERS IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION FROM THE

DEPARTMENT THAT THE AUSTRALIAN PREMISES IN NEW
YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND ELSEWHERE ARE INDEED
EXEMPTED FROM LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES.
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